

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



A DRESSY BLOUSE FOR AFTERNOONS.

A pointed yoke of lace or of an all-over embroidery—each is equally effective—is used in this smart little blouse; and a one-seam crepe de chine fashions the body portion and sleeve. The fastenings, as in the case of all the dressy waists nowadays, is effected in the back, this leaving the fronts unbroken, the better to display the trimming effect. The crepe is shirred to the yoke, fancy shirtings across the bust adding in the dressy design, and this fullness is gathered into a boned cuff of the crepe. The sleeve is just a full puff to below the elbow, where it is met by a shaped cuff of the trimming material.

REPOTTING PLANTS TO LIVE INDOORS THROUGH THE WINTER

All garden flowers and hardy plants should be potted or transplanted and prepared for the coming cold season before the first autumnal frost blights the leaves and makes it difficult to revive them. Knowing this, those who want their geraniums to bloom next winter or care to propagate phlox, sweet william, etc., must soon be busy in their gardens preparing to have plants and flowers in the house during the winter.

"In transplanting flowers the greatest care should be taken of the roots. They should never be cut, bruised or injured in any way if one hopes to have success in growing them," says an expert on floriculture. "As much of the soil should be left around the roots as clings to them in moving, and every effort should be made to keep it there."

"First, I would thin out the branches of a thick geranium, etc., taking some from the top, others from the sides and bottom, so as not to spoil the symmetry. This is easiest done with a sharp knife. Cut them off square, about an inch from the stock, and guard against bruising or slitting it and injuring the plant."

Select Warm Day.

"Before attempting to dig out the roots of any garden plant, water the ground thoroughly around them or else do the work directly after a rain, unless the air is too cool. I would select a warm day, when there is plenty of moisture in the atmosphere, and do the work at an hour when the sun is not shining directly on the plants. When the soil is thoroughly saturated with water, so the roots will not be strained or torn in getting them loose, take a spade and dig a square sufficiently far from the plant to make sure it would not be injured and go down in the ground at least twelve inches. When the square is finished run the spade beneath the roots and slowly work them out of the ground. Then shake the loose earth from the roots, being careful to leave them well surrounded with earth, so it will not be so long before they begin to grow in the new soil. I think the best plan is to put each plant into a pot previously prepared, so that it is not left exposed for an hour or more while the other flowers are taken from the bed."

"As to the flower pots, I prefer the red earthenware with holes in the middle to let out the water to the ornate glazed porcelain tubs or those made from wood."

"In fixing a pot a medium sized one should be selected, unless the one is unusually small or large. On the bottom, over the hole made for draining off the water, put a piece of broken pottery or a brick in the shape of an arch with the ends down, leaving the rounded portion up, so the dirt cannot pack about the opening and keep the water from running off, so souring the ground and eventually rotting the roots. Over these broken pieces put at least three inches of rich garden soil, mixed with sand, so that the roots will not touch the crockery."

"Carefully put the plant into the pot, filling in around it with dirt that is one-eighth sand. Fill the top of the pot and then pound the earth down with a stick to make the plant secure and give the loose dirt body. When it is packed so there is half an inch of space at the top of the pot for water, stop pounding, and water thoroughly, setting the plant under a tree in the shade or else in a glass case, where it would be protected from any cold drafts for three or four days."

Protect From Chill.

"Whenever the earth looks dry water it, and if the nights are cold either cover the plant with papers or cloths or put them under shelter, for after the transplanting they are more easily chilled. I would always put water on them in the morning so they can dry out before night, in this way preventing their being nipped by cold winds. After three or four days, if properly watered and kept in the shade, the leaves should lose the wilted appearance that always follows this change. The yellow leaves should be plucked and the coleus and geraniums will thrive and put on new foliage for the winter."

"Those kept in glass cases and water-

A WIFE'S DUTIES

When a woman marries she undertakes certain duties and should fill them to the very best of her abilities.

Marriage was never intended to be one-sided, though this fact seems oftentimes to be overlooked; but it takes two to make a contract.

On her part she should try to spend her husband's funds to the very best advantage. Never to get into debt.

To see that the home is always clean and well ordered.

To make the servants do their duty to the man who pays them.

To bring up the children properly. To keep them well fed, well clothed, and above all healthy in body and mind.

Never to allow any waste in the housekeeping department.

To see that all food is of good quality, well cooked and set before the family in the most appetizing form possible.

Always to be clothed becomingly and according to her station.

In fact to be the real head of the home with wisdom far above rubies.

Caring for all, advising and directing all.

Not to forget the poor dumb beasts, but to see that they also have their meat and drink and shelter. That the children do not misuse them.

Never to permit any neglect, cruelty, waste or excess of any kind.

To think more of things than people and to avoid gossip and criticism of her acquaintances.

Answer Letters Promptly.

Prompt answers to letters of every sort ought to be the rule—rare the rule, in fact; but there are so very many exceptions.

Letters of invitation it is only courteous to answer by return mail; and a letter of thanks should be sent at once upon the receipt of gift or congratulations.

Women are lax, even in business letters—putting off answering until the last possible moment, often losing the very opportunity they've waited for a long while by this trick of procrastination.

Probably it's because the appointments of a woman's desk, although complete in every pretty detail, are anything but conducive to work.

The average woman's desk is so small that it is impossible to keep her letters, receipts, bills and blotters and the necessary things for comfortable work are pushed back of, or under, everything else.

A good many women are waking to this fact, and in consequence, are getting just as pretty, but more capacious desks, and reserving certain handy compartments for the necessary materials.

Bridal Lore.

A January bride will be a prudent housekeeper and very good-tempered.

A February bride will be a humane and affectionate wife and tender mother.

A March bride will be a frivolous, chatterbox, somewhat given to quarreling.

An April bride will be inconstant, not very intelligent, but fairly good looking.

A May bride will be handsome, amiable, and likely to be happy.

A June bride will be impetuous and generous.

A July bride will be handsome and smart, but a trifle quick tempered.

An August bride will be amiable and practical.

A September bride will be discreet, affable, and much liked.

An October bride will be pretty, coquettish, loving, but jealous.

A November bride will be liberal, kind, but of a wild disposition.

A December bride will be well proportioned, fond of novelty, entertaining, but extravagant—Home Notes.

Simple Menu for a Day.

BREAKFAST.
Cantaloupes. Cereal and Cream.
Fried Apples and Salt Pork.
Graham Muffins. Coffee.

DINNER.
Cream of Carrot Soup.
Chicken Fricassee with Dumplings.
Boiled Squash. Lima Beans.
Chocolate Pudding. Black Coffee.

SUPPER.
Mixed Vegetable Salad with Mayonnaise.
Cold Stewed Ham. Sweet Pickles.
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AN ADVANCE HINT IN MILLINERY.

There is talk of a reaction in favor of the navy blues for street wear, and a greenish blue of the old-time peacock blue tone has gradually attained a certain vogue in millinery and is represented in many of the fall hats. At a private showing was one here illustrated, in smooth black beaver, trimmed with tips of several shades of this somewhat vivid blue, from light to dark. The combination was exceedingly smart.

To Select Meat.

For the wise housewife who goes to market herself instead of ordering, the butcher, a habit strongly to be deprecated as being both wasteful and extravagant, a few points on choosing meat will not be out of place.

First, note that the butcher will invariably try to sell you what he wants to get rid of, and not what you want to buy, and you must be very firm on this point, or you will frequently find yourself at a very great disadvantage.

In selecting beef for roasts or steaks, see that the lean is firm and red, and that the meat is finely grained.

The fat should be firm and white; never accept any meat which looks flabby or discolored or on which the fat is yellow.

In choosing mutton the meat should be dark with plenty of fat in it. Meat without fat shows poorly fed stock. If the fat is yellow and the meat seems wet or moist, do not accept it. As a general rule all meat should be firm, never flabby.

Lamb and veal should both be light colored, pale, veal in fact cannot be too white.

If it is at all red, it shows that the calf is old and has not been well-bled, and the meat will be tough and stringy when eaten.

In selecting joints take those that are short and thick, chunky looking. The same rule applies to pork. Notice that the bones are small, then you can be sure you are getting young meat.

Liver is a thing which should only be eaten when it is perfectly fresh. It should be firm and the blood running, not congealed, or it is stale and not fit for food.

Too Great Expectations.

If you wish to be young looking and happy adopt as your principle in life never to expect too much of people. A large amount of worry and trouble arises from our too great expectations of others. We expect too much of our children; they must be gifted, beautiful, obedient, little compendiums of all the virtues, and if they are not this we are disappointed. We expect too much of our friends and all nature is the result of the disappointments encountered. The housekeeper develops into a domestic pessimist who does not find the orderliness and cleanliness which she expects.

Things Worth Knowing.

Some folks are continually having sore throats. When, despite all precautions, an attack seems imminent, you should dip your wetted fingers into baking soda, and rub each tonsil well with this every hour or two. Many attacks may be cut short thus. A rough, dry stocking or a cloth wrung out of ice-cold water wrapped round the neck and covered with something dry, worn for a night, will do good. Frequent sore throats occurring in a household should suggest an examination of the sanitary arrangements.

Persian ladies, who are said to have complexions whose bloom and velvety softness are simply wonderful, use no sort of cream or ointment for their faces. Instead, they apply, half an hour before their daily bath, a coating of white of egg. When this has completely dried it is sponged off with tepid water, to which is added a little tincture of benzoin, and then the skin is sponged over with cold milk. The white of egg cleanses the skin, and the treatment described removes all impurities from the complexion, leaving it smooth and soft as that of a child.

Open Air Sacred Concert Sunday.

Tomorrow afternoon the Naval G. F. Band will play on the Highlands overlooking the city, upon which the United States Realty Company is to build a model city in twelve months. Only twelve minutes' ride from the Capitol Building. Take the Capital Traction cars on Pennsylvania avenue, marked F and G, going east. Panoramic view of Washington equal to that of Paris from St. Cloud. The French architect, L'Enfant, faced the Capitol toward these Highlands because he expected them to be covered with palaces similar to those overlooking the capital of France.

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Fruit for Complexion.

As every woman desires to have a good complexion, she should remember that the benefit to her skin from any cosmetic or lotion is not to be compared with that to be given by the use of fruit. This should be eaten as a staple article of diet, and not as a luxury or delicacy.

Grapes and apples are among the most nutritious of fruit, and these generally agree with even the most delicate. A baked sweet apple with cream is both nutritious and good for the skin. Strawberries enrich the blood, and contain a large percentage of iron. Oranges, lemons, and lemons are of great value in improving the complexion, and a couple of oranges eaten before breakfast will often clear a muddy skin, says Woman's Life.

Those who suffer from acidity should not eat acid fruit with farinaceous food. Fruit, such as cherries and plums, should be thoroughly masticated and the skin of raw fruits should never be eaten. Stale fruit is unfit for use. Many persons suffer after eating fruit because of swallowing a multum of germs which always swarm upon the surface of the fruit and multiply under the favorable conditions afforded by warmth and moisture.

Adjustable Sleeve.

Making the elbow-sleeve fashion practical is an adjustable sleeve. This is set into the shoulder beneath a band or epaulet, and accords with the color of one's gown, if it does not match exactly. The object is to give a change of sleeve without a complete change of toilet; and it is designed especially to aid the traveler, who needs now an elbow sleeve and now a long one; and who yet cannot carry many changes of wardrobe for a short trip. The how sleeve remains, while the adjustable depends from the inside to the wrist.

Told in the Capital.

I wandered down the garden path Where May was walking in the breeze. My bulky figure cut a swath And trampled down the early P P P. May turned her head and saw my fault, And, quickly falling on her knees, In mocking accents cried out: "Hail! Or you'll be stung to death by B B B."

I chased her further o'er the green, My heart grew warmer by degrees, And as we lovers long had been, I sought her little hands to C C C.

I caught her—kissed her upturned face, And then she murmured "Arthur, please—"

Let us at once our steps retrace— It's time that we should have our "T T T."

And soon, beside the steaming urn Our appetites we both appease. Ah me, what lovers would not yearn To thus enjoy the joys of B B B.

—John S. Grey, in Vogue.

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